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POLITE DEMAND

comfortable igniting

*everyday ordinary utopia
highest risk daring*

I need to talk to you

*beautiful success
serious charity
natural leader*

I need to talk to you

*problem destroyer
truth builder
life long friend*

I need to talk to you

*most respectful father
best of brothers
essence of power*

you need to talk to me

— Sheilla James

*At a peace demonstration, I saw violence occur,
At an animal preservation meeting, the women wore fur,
At a talk about clean air, I counted 92 cars,
At a cancer lecture, the speaker smoked cigars.*

*At a discipline school, a child was beaten,
At a health clinic, drugs were eaten,
At a meeting to lower taxes, they all voted no,
At a meeting of concerned citizens, nobody showed.*

*Tell me, what the hell is happening to us?
The President's a crook, the congressmen fuss,
The sick get sicker, while the doctors live it up,
Friendship falls to pieces, while the world gets corrupt.
I'm supposed to do this, and at the same time do that,
How can I eat while I watch my coat and my hat?*

*We're supposed to slow down, yet at the same time be
advancers,
Please tell me how, for I have no answers.*

— Larry Friedman

WINTER LUMINESCENCE

*Illumined Snow
Calculatingly Cold
Pierces My Eyes
With Reflections of Time*

*Your Brilliance
Awes and Awakens
Lights Within My Life
Recollections Real and Fanciful
Flake and Fall to the Hard Earth
Freezing Lasting Purity
Within the Day*

*Fragrance of the New Fallen Snow
Fills My Soul With Wonder
Creating a Myriad of Ideas
All White, Glistening and Free*

— Mary Ryder-Swanson

